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PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN™



NOW!
RE-PRESENTING
A WALL-CRAWLER
CLASSIC!
SPIDEY TEAMS WITH
THE **HUMAN TORCH**
AGAINST THE MIGHT OF **MORBIUS** THE LIVING VAMPIRE!

While attending a demonstration in radiology, student PETER PARKER was bitten by a spider which had accidentally been exposed to RADIOACTIVE RAYS. Through a miracle of science, Peter soon found that he had GAINED the insect's powers...and had, in effect, become a human spider...

Stan Lee PRESENTS: **THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN!**

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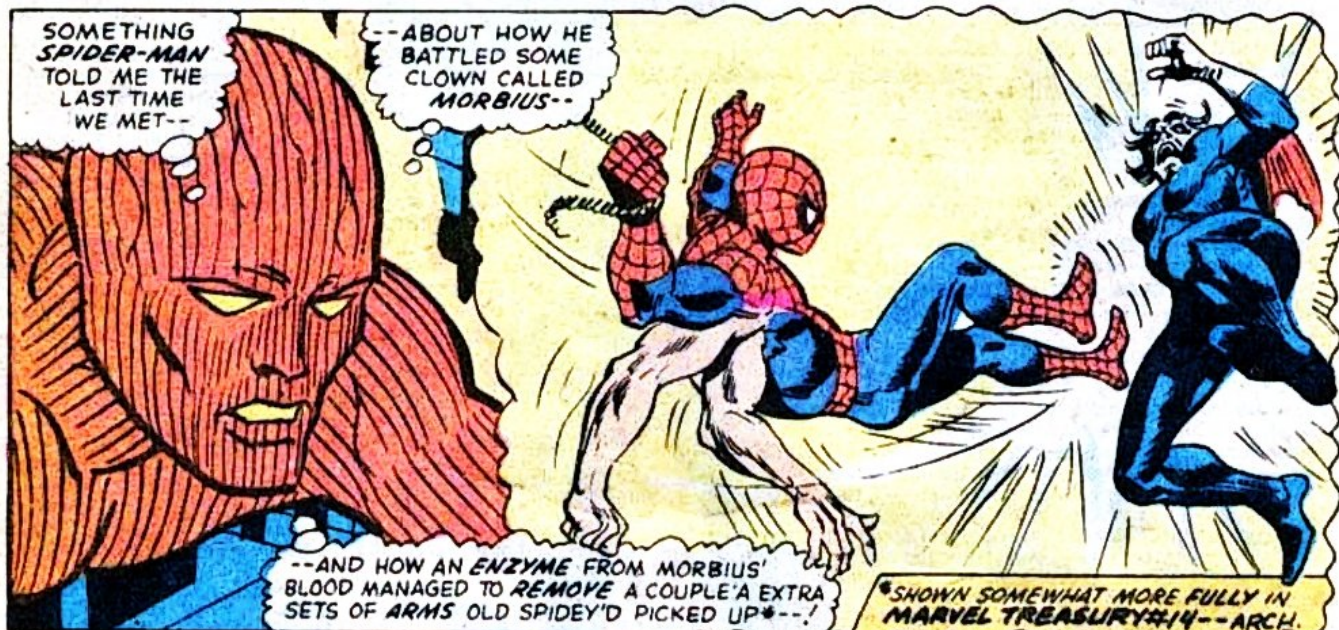




BODY ARCING, CUTTING INTO THE TWILIGHT WIND LIKE A FLAMING ARROW, THE HUMAN TORCH STREAKS SKYWARD--

--AND THERE, HE MEETS THE GRIM SPECTRE OF HIS THOUGHTS!

ALMOST DIDN'T BELIEVE THAT CHICK-- UNTIL I REMEMBERED--



SOMETHING SPIDER-MAN TOLD ME THE LAST TIME WE MET--

--ABOUT HOW HE BATTLED SOME CLOWN CALLED MORBIUS--

--AND HOW AN ENZYME FROM MORBIUS' BLOOD MANAGED TO REMOVE A COUPLE'A EXTRA SETS OF ARMS OLD SPIDEY'D PICKED UP*--!

*SHOWN SOMEWHAT MORE FULLY IN MARVEL TREASURY#14--ARCH.



NOW, UNLESS I MISS MY GUESS BY ONE HECK OF A PROVERBIAL LONG SHOT--

--SPIDEY'S MORBIUS, AND THIS NOBEL-PRIZE-WINNER GUY ARE ONE AND THE SAME.

IN WHICH CASE, OLD JOHNNY'S HEADING TOWARDS QUEENS--



--CAUSE, IF I'VE GOT ANY LUCK AT ALL--

--I'LL FIND THAT OLD WEB-SLINGER ON THE SAME COLLEGE CAMPUS AS THAT JORGENSEN GUY.

WHO KNOWS? MAYBE IT'S TIME SPIDEY AND I TEAMED UP AGAIN

--THOUGH WHY I EVEN BOTHER WITH THAT EGOTISTICAL COSTUMED WALL-CRAWLER I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND!



NOR WILL WE EVER UNDERSTAND THE WHIMS OF CAPRICIOUS FATE, JOHNNY...



...IF YOU'D SINGLE OUT ONE BATTERED, ABANDONED WAREHOUSE IN LONG ISLAND CITY...

...FOR, IF YOU'D BUT GLANCE BELOW, ON A SHADOWED SIDE-STREET...



...AND IF YOU'D TAKE A MOMENT TO INSPECT ONE DIMLY GLOWING WINDOW...WHAT IS DESTINED TO OCCUR, MIGHT NEVER BE!

YOU'VE BEEN... A FRIEND, JEFFERSON BOLT.

YET NOW... I MUST GO.



THESE PAST WEEKS, BUILDING MY STRENGTH, LETTING MY BODY REDEVELOP THAT LOST ENZYME...

...THEY HAVE BEEN LONG WEEKS...YET THANKS TO YOU, NOT LOVELY ONES.

AND YOU'VE DONE MUCH FOR ME, MORBIUS...



...YOU'VE LET ME SEE...THE WAY THINGS TRULY ARE.

IS THAT WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED?

LIFE OVER DEATH... ABOVE ALL ELSE, LIFE MUST SURVIVE!

YOU'RE DIFFERENT FROM ALL MY OTHER VICTIMS...YOU'VE BECOME WHAT I'VE BECOME...



YES...I CAN SEE IT IN YOUR EYES.



...A VAMPIRE!

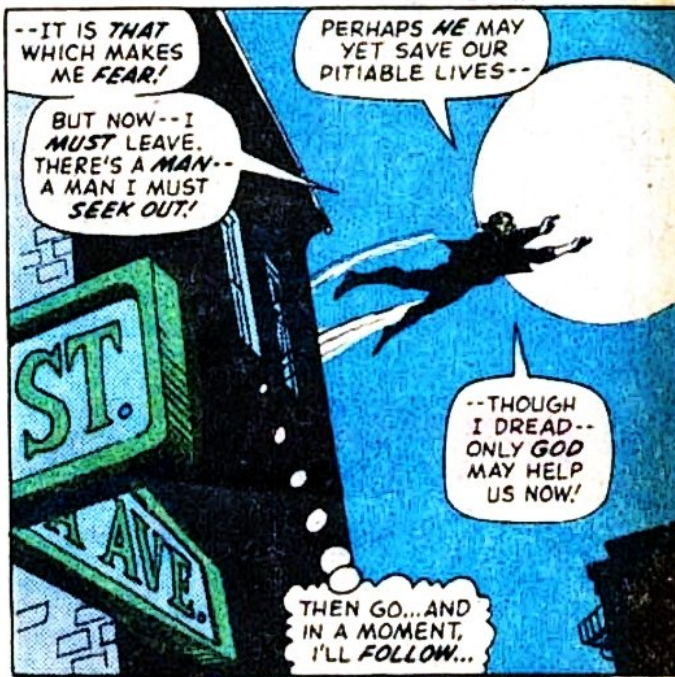
OH, LORD IN HEAVEN--WHAT HAVE I DONE?

WAS MY SIN NOT GREAT ENOUGH, TO SEAL MYSELF WITHIN THIS DAMNABLE COIL--?

BUT MORBIUS-- YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND.

I LIKE IT THIS WAY.

I KNOW, JEFFERSON BOLT--



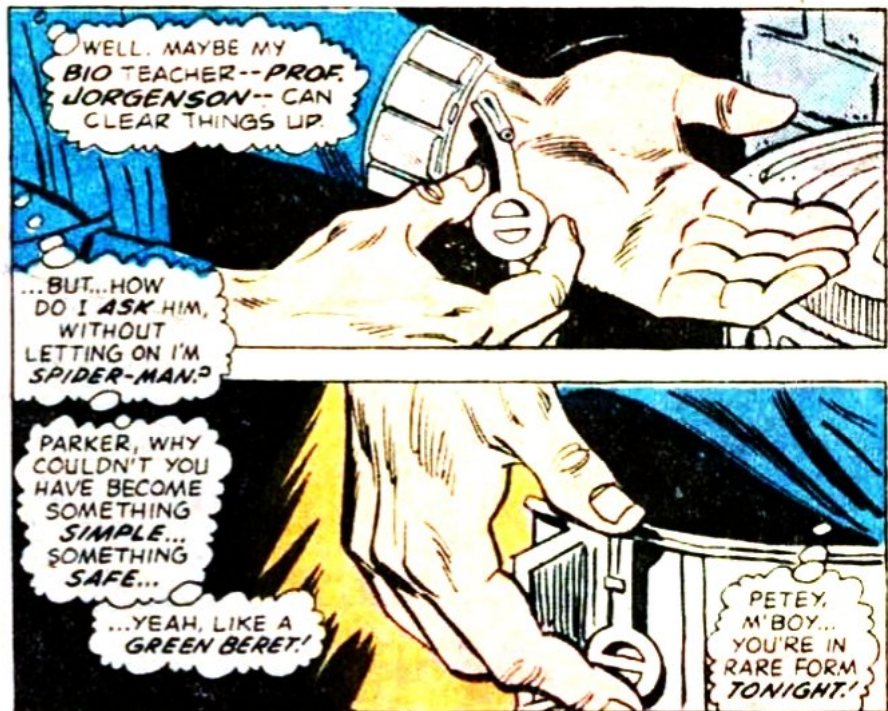
--IT IS THAT WHICH MAKES ME FEAR!

BUT NOW--I MUST LEAVE. THERE'S A MAN-- A MAN I MUST SEEK OUT!

PERHAPS WE MAY YET SAVE OUR PITIABLE LIVES--

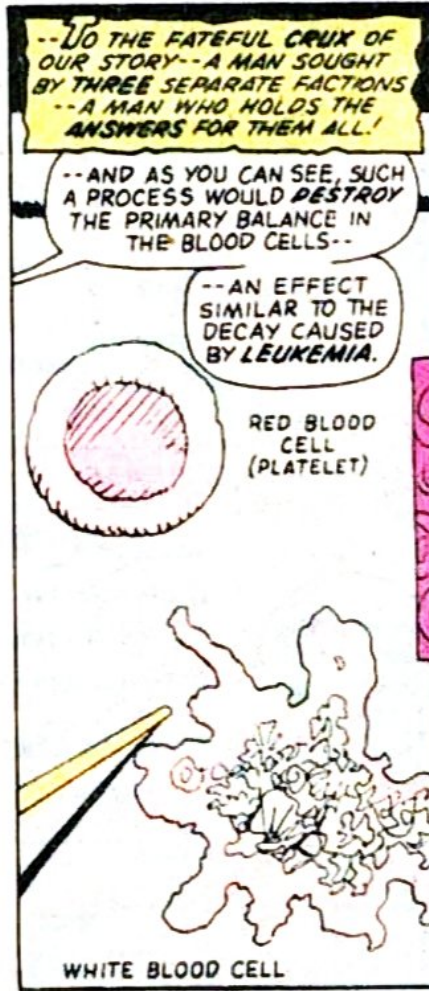
--THOUGH I DREAD-- ONLY GOD MAY HELP US NOW!

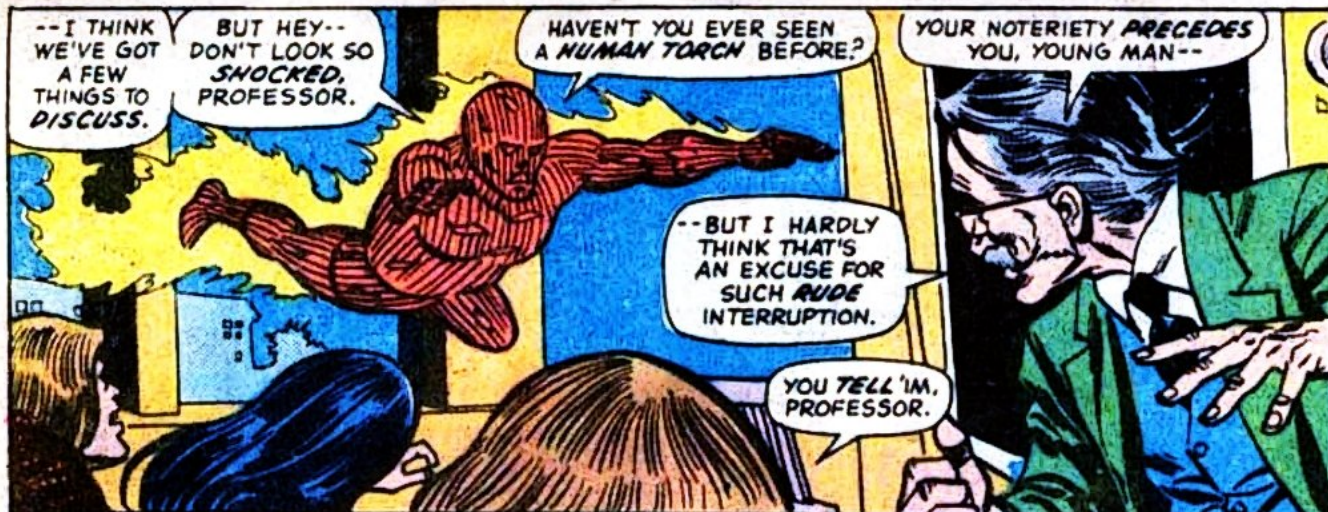
THEN GO...AND IN A MOMENT, I'LL FOLLOW...



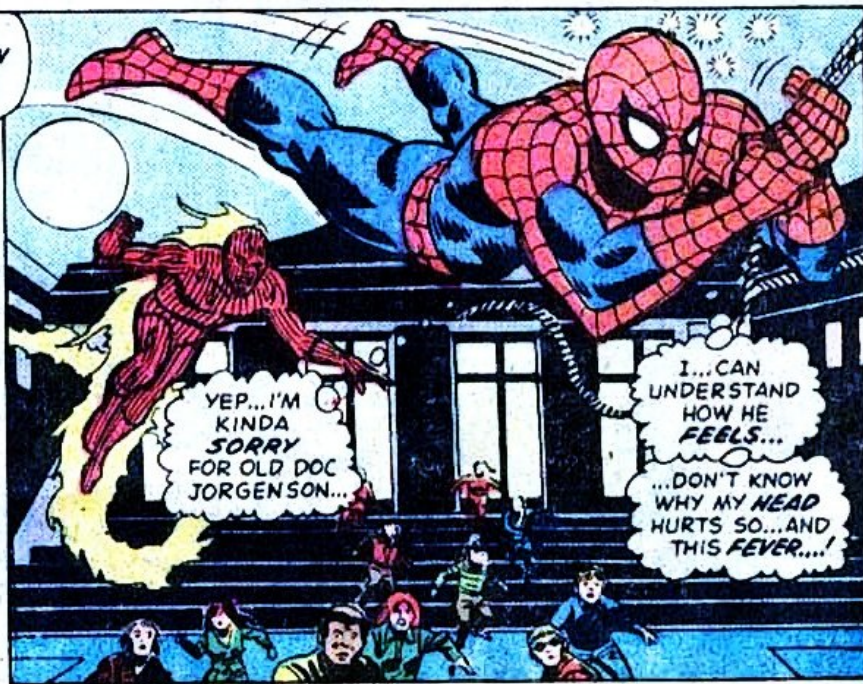


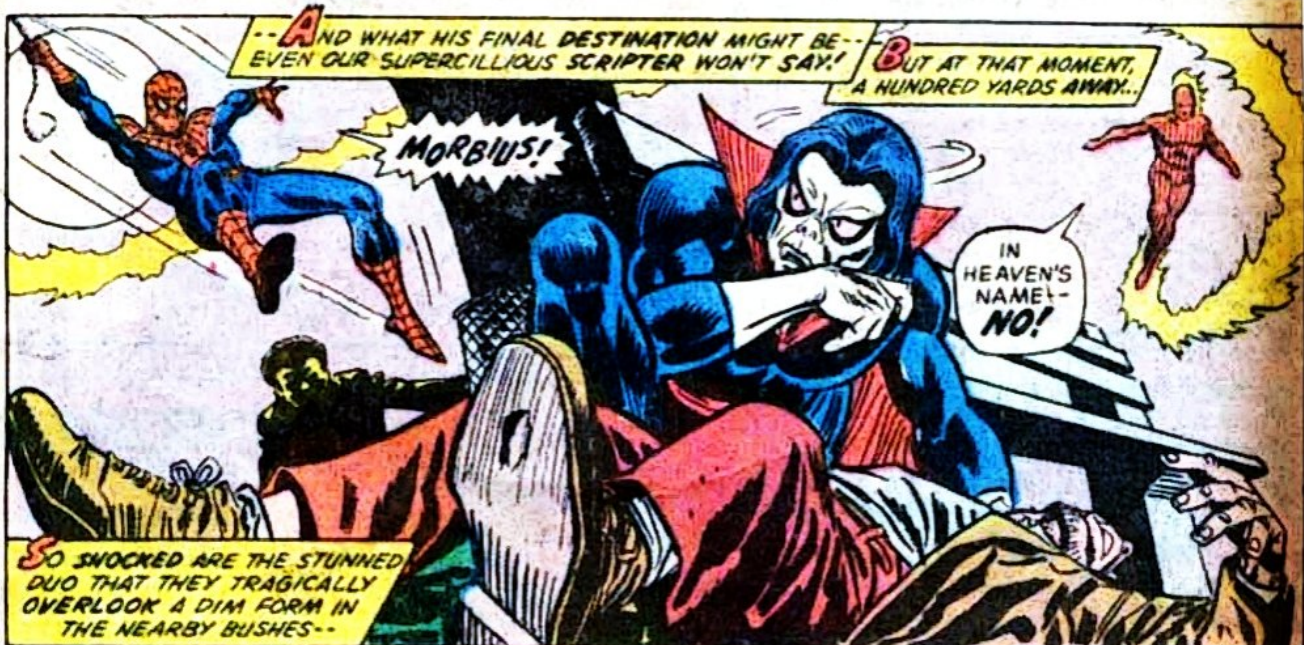
STEELING HIMSELF, DRAWING HIS SHOULDERS STRAIGHT UNDER HIS FRAYED WINDBREAKER, PETER PARKER STEPS INTO THE GLOW OF A NEARBY ARC LAMP...



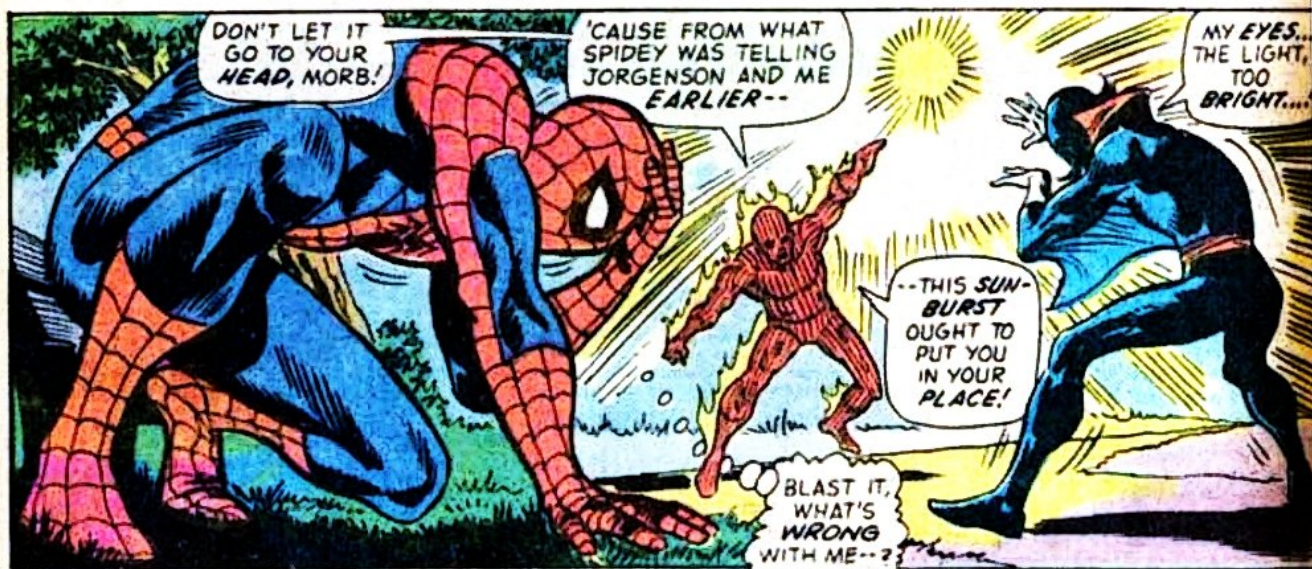














WITH THE LAST OUNCE OF HIS FADING STRENGTH, SPIDER-MAN THROWS HIMSELF FORWARD --FEELS THE IMPACT DULLY AS THOUGH IN A DREAM--



WAIT--HEY, WAIT--

YOU'RE HURTING HIM--!

AND AS THOUGH STILL IN THAT DREAM, HE BEARS MORBIUS DOWNWARD, VAGUELY AWARE OF A DISTANT SHOUTING--



YOU'RE GONNA KILL THAT GUY, SPIDER-MAN--

WHAT'RE YOU TRYIN' TO DO?

LE' GO OF ME, YOU CRAZY KID--



--CAN'T YOU SEE I'M TRYIN' TO--
UNNNHH!!

HE SEES ENOUGH, MY FRIEND.

--AND LIKE ALL MERE MEN, HE ASSUMES WHAT HE MUST.

THAT IS WHY MORBIUS--AND HIS KIND-- MUST EVER BE TRIUMPHANT!



YOU GUYS HEARD MY BROTHER.

THOSE COSTUMED FREAKS WERE TRYIN' TO KILL THAT DUDE!

ARE WE GONNA LET 'EM?
ARE WE?

WAIT A SECOND-- THAT'S NOT--!



BUT ALREADY IT'S STARTED--

THE MIND-LESS VIOLENCE-- THE ULTIMATE MANIPULATION OF FEARS--

AND, YES --OF PETTY JEALOUSIES--







YES MR. PARKER, FOR A TIME YOU CAN... A TIME THAT IS SWIFTLY, SURELY, ERODING!



NEXT: RETURN of the VAMPIRE!